HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____ Introduced by: Klinker

A RESOLUTION honoring Officer Stephen Bittles for his bravery.

Whereas, On December 13, 2003, 11-year-old Chris Baughman fell through the ice on a pond and became trapped in the frozen water;

Whereas, The accident occurred when Chris Baughman was kicking a soccer ball with friends, and the ball rolled onto the pond;

Whereas, Chris went after it and fell through the ice;

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Whereas, Two neighbors witnessed the accident and called 911;

Whereas, Officer Stephen Bittles arrived at the pond and found Chris struggling to keep his head above the water and holding onto the slippery ice;

Whereas, Officer Stephen Bittles waded about 90 feet out into the water, using his elbows to break the thin ice, and tried to reach Chris Baughman;

Whereas, Chris was just beyond his reach;

Whereas, Officer Bittles encouraged Chris to swim a couple of strokes toward him to a point where the officer was able to grab the frightened boy;

Whereas, Officer Bittles and Chris Baughman were both taken to the hospital, treated for hypothermia, and released; and

Whereas, Officer Stephen Bittles is truly a Hoosier hero whose quick actions saved the life of a young boy: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION	1.	That	the	Indiana	House	of	Representa	tives
commends Offic	er :	Stepher	n Bitt	les for his	quick a	and l	neroic action	that
saved the life of	a y	oung b	oy.					

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SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Officer Stephen Bittles.

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